Writer corrects error from last pit bull letter

American Pit Bull Terriers are recognized by the United Kennel Club (UKC) which began registering them in 1898, and the American Dog Breeders' Association (ADBA) also has a registry for them.



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Project to help tourism opportunities

A project to develop opportunities in tourism on the Highway 105 corridor from Vermilion Bay to Red Lake is being assisted with a \$90,000 grant from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, announced by Premier David Peterson, minister of Northern Development and Mines.

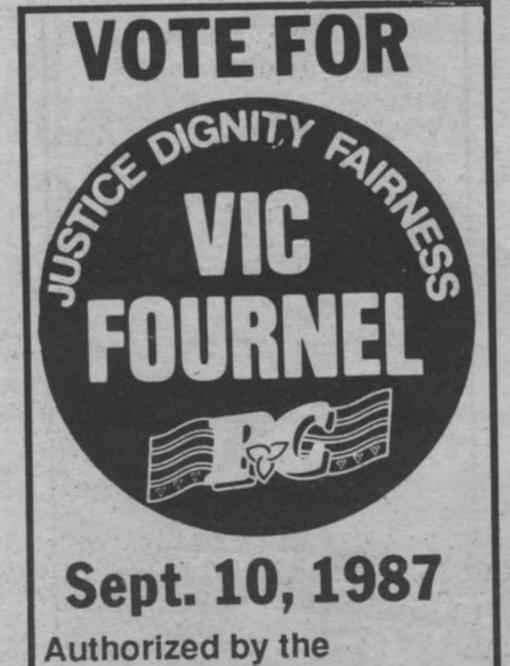
The funds will be used over the next three years to retain Jervis Sawnnack as tourism development co-ordinator for the corridor North organization.

The organization's goal is to promote greater travel interest on Highway 105 between Vermilion Bay and Red Lake, including Ear Falls and Perrault Falls.

This new body will serve to co-ordinate activities of a number of organizations in the area toward this common purpose.

The grant represents 75 per cent of the organization's operating budget over the next three years.

The balance is being made up by the participating municipalities and tourism operators.



For all intent and purposes the American Staffordshire Terrier (AmStaff) registered by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is the same breed as the APBT.

Around 1935 the AKC recognized the APBT as a distinct breed and began registering them under several different names until they settled with the name American Staffordshire Terrier in 1972, so that it would not be confused with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier- another distinct and separate breed of dog.

One of the first APBTs to be registered with the AKC as an AmStaff was Pete of the television series Our Gang (Little Rascals).

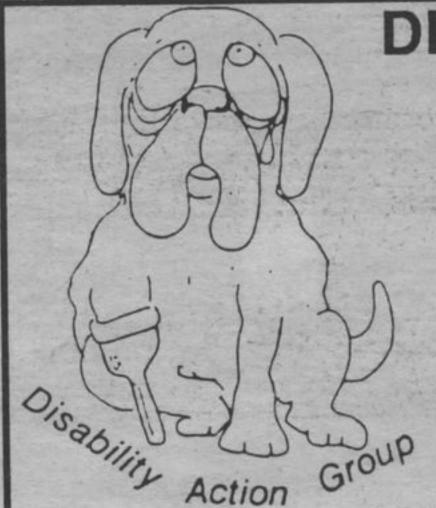
A Pit Bull is not a breed of dog but rather a generic term much like the term retriever- they both encompass several separated and distinct breeds of dogs.

Dogs that are being most-commonly included in the generic term pit bull are the APBT (or AmStaff) the English Bull Terrier (Don Cherry's Blue) and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier- a small English relative.

The confusion over this breed's legitimacy (the APBT) is one of misconceptions and myths that are being exaggerated, perpetuated and falsified by some of the general public and so- called experts who refuse to take the time to properly investigate this topic.

This type of attitude only serves to victimize and single- out an individual breed and responsible owners of that breed.

I would like to thank Mr. G. McKenna of the Sault Ste. Marie American Pit Bull Terrier Club for his help with this article. Lona Smith.



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